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THE HON. SRI R. VENKATARAMAN: The question refers to imports from foreign countries. How can the Government give any assistance?

SRI V. K. RAMASWAMI MUDALIYAR: May I knew from the Hon. Minister whether it will be possible in course of time to completely stop the import and thereby save foreign exchange and for that purpose, have the Government taken any steps to see that we also produce equally good quality skins?

THE HON. SRI R. VENKATARAMAN: The imports, as the figures will show, is only negligible. In 1957–58, it is only Rs. 5,21,000. It is better to import high quality skins from abroad for the sake of putting up before the market and making our own people equal in skills like the imported ones. I do not think that we should completely prohibit the imports.

SRI A. A. RASHEED: The Hon. Minister said that there was only wool processing centre at Vinnamangalam. Is the Hon. Minister aware that there is a tanning-*cum*-training centre also at that place and the skins could be utilized for this purpose?

THE HON. SRI R. VENKATARAMAN: The difference is this. The emphasis in Vinnamangalam is in wool processing. Of course we have an allied trade or industry of tanning. But the main emphasis is on wool processing.

Industrial Housing Scheme

* 766*Q*.—SRI S. PAKKIRISAMI PILLAI: Will the Hon. the Minister for Industries be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether any complaints have been received with regard to the houses constructed under the Industrial Housing Scheme sponsored by the Government of India in Sharma Nagar and Tiru-vi-ka-Nagar in the City of Madras;

(*b*) if so, the nature of the complaints; and

(*c*) how they were disposed of?

THE HON. SRI R. VENKATARAMAN: (*a*) Yes, Sir.

(*b*) & (*c*) The complaints and the action taken are as follows:—

Nature of complaint.	*Action taken.*
Defect in Electricity connection ..	The Assistant Engineer (Electrical), North, was addressed and he has rectified the defects.
Severe damage of two houses	New houses were alloted to the tenants temporarily till their houses were got repaired.
Encroachment by the tenant of House No. 61, Sarma Nagar.	The worker was advised to remove the encroachment.
New allotment of House to a worker.	The worker has been allotted a house.
Minor repairs to the house occupied by T. P. Ramachandran.	The Executive Engineer, P.W.D. has been requested to rectify the defects.
Obstruction to execution of work by Public Works Department.	The matter has been enquired into and suitable action taken.
Major repairs to certain houses ..	The repairs are being attended to by the Public Works Department.
Non-allotment of houses to Corporation.	A house has been allotted.
Requisition for Police patrols	Police patrols are being sent by the Commissioner of Police.
D.D.T. Spray (to combat mosquitoes) ..	The Corporation Health Officer has been addressed.
Provision of Telephone	Considered unnecessary.

Nature of complaint.	*Action taken.*
Repairs to certain houses in Thiru-vi-ka Nagar.	The Public Works Department have taken necessary action.
Removal of cremation ground near Sarma Nagar.	The matter has been taken up with the Commissioner, Corporation of Madras.
Shifting of shops	The Labour Officer has been asked to take suitable action.
Playground and recreation facilities for children in Sarma Nagar.	The Chief Engineer, P.W.D. (Gl.) has been addressed to hand over the sites to the Corporation for formation of parks, etc.
Shifting of water tap to another place in Sarma Nagar.	The Managing Committee has authorised the Labour Officer to inspect the place and take necessary action in the matter.
Provision of two light posts with lights near tenaments Nos. 158 and 469 in Thiru vi-ka Nagar.	The Assistant Engineer (Electrical), West, has been addressed by the Labour Officer.
Opening of Firewood Depot in Thiru-vi-ka Nagar.	The matter is under consideration of the Public Works Department.
Opening of Provision Store in Thiru-vi ka Nagar.	The matter is under consideration.

SRI A. A. RASHEED: If the answers are long, will it not be better for the Hon. Minister to print them in the form of statements and place them on the table of the House instead of the Hon. Minister reading it out on the floor of the House?

SRI T. S. RAMASWAMI: Sir, Tiru-Vi-Ka Nagar and Sharma Nagar are recent colonies. Some of the damages are described as serious and some as major. May I know the reasons for such damages?

THE HON. SRI R. VENKATARAMAN: Sir, land is almost impossible to obtain in and around Madras. Necessarily we had to go and take lands which were originally wet fields and swampy lands or something of that kind. Thus, by normal standards, the places where we have put up both the Nagars could not be considered to be suitable lands for housing. Still in order to give housing facilities to the workers we chose wet agricultural lands and we have put up the houses and as a result there has been some little damage to the houses. But by and large, it has proved successful.

SRI S. PAKKIRISAMI PILLAI: இந்த இடங்களில் தண்ணீர் வசதி இல்லவே இல்லை. அதைக் குறித்து என்ன நடவடிக்கை எடுத்திருக்கிறார்கள் ?

THE HON. SRI R. VENKATARAMAN: மூன்று கிணறுகள் வெட்டப்பட்டிருக்கின்றன. அந்தக் கிணறுகளின் தண்ணீர் குடி தண்ணீர் தவிர மற்ற உபயோகங்களுக்குப் பயன்படுத்திக் கொள்ளலாம். குடிதண்ணீருக்காக ஒரு ஸ்கீம் போட்டிருக்கிறோம். பக்கத்தில் இருக்கும் குடிதண்ணீர்க் கிணற்றில் இருந்து தண்ணீரைப் பம்ப் செய்து டாங்கில் இருந்து சப்ளை செய்ய ஏற்பாடு செய்யப்பட்டிருக்கிறது.

SRI V. K. KOTHANDARAMAN: ஸார், சர்மா நகரில் பாடசாலை ஒரு சிறிய வீட்டிலே உள்ளது. அதற்கென்று தனியாக ஒரு கட்டடம் கட்ட வேண்டுமென்றும், அங்கே ஒரு போஸ்ட் ஆபீஸ் தனியாக அமைக்கப்பட வேண்டுமென்றும், கம்யூனிடி ஹால் கட்ட வேண்டுமென்றும் கேட்டிருக்கிறார்கள். அதன் பேரில் என்ன நடவடிக்கை எடுக்கப்பட்டது ? அதே போன்று பக்கத்தில் ஒரு பர்லாங் தூரத்தில் சுடுகாடு 3 பக்கத்தில் இருக்கிறது. பிணம் வேகிற நேரத்தில் வாடை வீசுகிற காரணத்தினால் அந்த இடங்களில் உள்ள மக்கள் வியாதியால் பாதிக்கப்படும் நிலைமை ஏற்படுகிறது. அந்தச் சுடுகாட்டை அப்புறப்படுத்த என்ன செய்யப்பட்டிருக்கிறது ?

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MR. SPEAKER : இவற்றுக்குத்தான் பதில் சொல்லிவிட்டாரே!

THE HON. SRI R. VENKATARAMAN : எல்லாவற்றுக்கும் பதில் சொல்லியிருக்கிறேன்.

SRI K. VINAYAKAM: Whereas both these colonies, Tiru-vi-Ka Nagar and Sharma Nagar are intended for industrial workers, there are many other slums that are old enough to be given lot of facilities and which are now lacking in them. Is it because the Industrial Minister takes extra interest in the industrial colonies only?

THE HON. SRI R. VENKATARAMAN: These are two separate heads of expenditure. Under the head for 'Subsidized Industrial Housing' we are spending money. There is another head for slum improvement under which also we are spending money for the improvement of slums. The total number of tenaments built under the slum improvement scheme is 1,250 as against 1,000 built under the 'Subsidized Industrial Housing Scheme'. We have also given number of open developed places to the tune of 3,000 which we have not provided for industrial workers. The hon. Member will at least absolve me from any partiality. He will see from what I have stated that I apply 9 a.m. my mind to both the problems.

SRI. K. ANBAZHAGAN: தொழிலாளர்களுடைய குடியிருப்புக்குத் தேவையான குடி தண்ணீர் நகராண்மைக் கழகத்தார் அளிப்பதா யிருந்தால், அதற்கான தனிச் செலவு ஏற்படுகிறது. அதை அரசாங்கம் ஏற்றுக்கொள்ளவேண்டும் என்று கேட்டிருக்கிறார்களே, அந்தச் செலவுத் தொகையை அரசாங்கம் ஏற்றுக்கொண்டு வசதி செய்யுமா? அல்லது கிணற்றுத் தண்ணீரைக் குடி தண்ணீராகக் கொடுப்பதானால், அது போதுமான அளவு அவர்களுக்குத் திருப்தியோடு குடிக்கக் கூடியதாக இருக்குமா என்று அறிய விரும்புகிறேன்.

THE HON. SRI R. VENKATARAMAN: I was informed by the Corporation that it would not be possible for them to supply Red Hills water to this area. Therefore, we have suggested that water might be taken from a well that would be put up. Water has been tested at the Guindy Institute and found satisfactory and water will be taken from that well.

Multipurpose food factory

* 767 Q.—SRI N. K. PALANISAMI: Will the Hon. the Minister for Industries be pleased to state whether there is any proposal to start a multipurpose food factory in this State?

THE HON. SRI R. VENKATARAMAN: Yes, Sir.

SRI N. K. PALANISAMI: May I know the amount of capital needed for setting up the factory?

THE HON. SRI R. VENKATARAMAN: The scheme is somewhat different. The UNICEF will give 25,000 dollars worth of equipment and the machinery will be given to one of the oil expellers who will produce ten tons of groundnut flour out of which 7-1|2 tons will be handed over to the Government for being processed into multipurpose food and distributed.